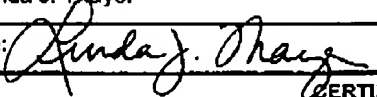
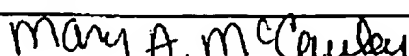


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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL | Application Number: 09/826,738 Confirmation Number: 6058 | Filing Date: April 5, 2001 First Named Inventor: Steven Thomas WINKLER, et al. Group Art Unit: 2136 Examiner: Ronald Baum Attorney Docket Number: 07781.0209-00000 Attorney Customer Number: 22,852 |
| Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. | | |
| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: <u>Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.</u> | | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. | | |
| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____. | | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on [Date(s)] _____. An alternate submission is attached. | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed submission: | | |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment and Response to Office Action | | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | | |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement | | |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
| 2. Miscellaneous | | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required.) | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
| 3. Fees | | |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows: | | |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) | | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for [number] Months) \$[Fee] | | |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge the fee of \$790.00 to our Deposit Account No. 08-0916. | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. | | |
| Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required | | |
| Name: Linda J. Thayer | Reg. No.: 45,681 | |
| Signature:  | Date: February 3, 2006 | |
| CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8 | | |
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